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SUBJECT: MALARIA DRUG SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

1. ACCORDING TO VERNACULAR PAPERS, JAPAN TROPICAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATION HAS PETITIONED MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR PERMISSION TO IMPORT AND USE DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF MALARIA. AN OFFICIAL OF MHW'S PHARMACEUTICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, HOWEVER, TOLD EMBASSY THAT THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED PETITION AS YET. HE RECOGNIZED EXISTENCE OF PROBLEM, THOUGH.

2. THERE ARE AT PRESENT 200 TO 300 OUTBREAKS OF "IMPORTED MALARIA" IN JAPAN EVERY YEAR, MOST OF WHICH OCCUR AMONG EMPLOYEES OF TRADING FIRM STATIONED OVERSEAS, TOURISTS AND UNIVERSITY SURVEY TEAMS. TRADITIONAL CURES FOR MALARIA--QUININE, SULFA, AND CHLOROQUINE--ARE NO LONGER PRODUCED IN JAPAN. PRODUCTION OF CHLOROQUINE WAS DISCONTINUED AFTER IT WAS FOUND TO CAUSE BLINDNESS AFTER LONG USE IN TREATMENT OF RHEUMATISM AND NEPHRITIS.

3. MHW OFFICIAL CONTACTED BY EMBASSY SAID THAT RESULTS OF REEVALUATION OF CHLOROQUINE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY END OF UNCLASSIFIED

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JULY AND, DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF REEVALUATION, RESUMPTION

OF ITS MANUFACTURE AND ITS USE FOR TREATMENT OF SPECIFIED
DISEASES MAY BE APPROVED.
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